

Simpson Middle School Newsletter

Dear Simpson Eagle Families,

We are almost at the close of this calendar year and we know everyone is excited for the break. As we close out these final weeks, please remind your children to be mindful of expected behaviors and double check their grades to make sure there are no surprises.

On another note, the time for the Coffee & Chat next week has changed from 8:30 to 9:15. We all had to pivot based on the virtual day this week, but I also want to make sure we make room for anyone who wants to attend. Of course, be forewarned that we will be in the full swing of things at 9:15am – expect bells, candy canes, and a full dose of middle school holiday cheer!

Dr. LaEla Mitchell



Principal Coffee & Chat

We are excited to host our first face to face Principal Coffee and Chat on Tuesday, December 13th, at 9:15am (**TIME CHANGE**). We hope to see you there! **Ask Dr. Mitchell** (email your questions for the Dec 13th Coffee and Chat)



Neighborhood Food Pantry at Sprayberry High School 2525 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta, GA 30066 Lower left parking lot off of Sandy Plains Rd. Monday, December 12, 4pm-6pm (every 2nd Monday of the month). Click on the attached flyer for more information.



FRESH AIR FRIDAY SNACK SALES - Orchestra Teachers will be selling Gatorade for \$2 and Snacks for \$1.00 to raise funds for the American String Teacher Association Conference during Fresh Air Friday Eagle Time on the following dates: December 9th. Thank you to everyone who has participated!!

Don't forget to order your 2022 – 2023 Yearbook

www.yearbookordercenter.com

School Order Number: **640**

\$35 July 28 - Sept. 30 (name stamp)

\$40 Oct. 1 - Feb. 17 (name stamp)

\$45 Feb. 18 - Mar. 17 (name stamp)
8th Grade Only"

Purchase a personal 1/8 page color ad for only \$25

Upcoming Events

12/12-12/16 – Spirit Week

12/13 – Principal Chat

12/15 & 12/16 – Early Release at 1:30pm

12/19-1/4 – Winter Holiday Break No School

1/5 – Students Return to School

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PTSA SPIRIT NIGHT

Chick-Fil-A - Lassiter
Thursday, December 8th from 5p-9p
3046 Shallowford Rd. Marietta

Make sure to say you are with "Simpson"
so that a portion of the proceeds will come
back to our PTSA!!



- Bryan Hopps – Special Ed Parapro
- Susan Woyce – 7th Grade Science
- Wyatt H. – 6th Grade
- Brandon S. – 6th Grade
- Payton P. – 7th Grade
- Jonas V. – 7th Grade
- Annie Z. – 8th Grade
- Kara P. – 8th Grade



Congratulations to the following Band Students who earned a spot in the Cobb District Honor Band

Logan C – flute, Madeline C – flute, Emma F – Bassoon, Drew G – clarinet, Seetha G – clarinet,
Matthew P – trumpet, Skyeler R – percussion, Isabella R - trombone

- Eli F – **Eli is the FIRST chair for all bari sax players in the entire county!**
- Joseph M - **Joseph is the second chair for all bassoon players in the entire county!**
- Jui P - **Jui is the second chair for all clarinet players in the entire county!**
- Rohan R - **Rohan is the second chair for all French horn players in the entire county!**
- Joey S - **Joey is the second chair for all tenor sax players in the entire county!**

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

December Spirit Week				
12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16
<p>Candy Cane Day</p> <p>Wear Red & White</p>	<p>Hat's off to the Holidays</p> <p>Holiday head gear (antlers, elf hat, winter hat, etc.)</p>	<p>Cozy up for the Holidays</p> <p>Wear comfy holiday pajamas</p>	<p>Holiday Traditions</p> <p>Represent holiday traditions from cultures around the world Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Ōmisoka, Christmas etc.</p>	<p>Ugly Holiday Sweater Day</p> <p>Prize for the lunch period with the highest participation</p>

STUDENT WITHDRAWALS – MOVING & TRAVEL: The Enrolling Parent must notify the school prior to their child's last day when moving (preferably at least one week in advance). We must get a signed Withdrawal Form and verify that all school items, Library Books, Laptops are returned and that grades are completed for students who are leaving to transfer to another school. Call the office or email Trina Rivera at trina.rivera@cobbk12.org to set up a meeting to fill out the Required Forms.

When traveling out of the area and your child will be gone more than 5 days you must send in a note prior to the trip to the Attendance Clerk to advise when they will be out and when they will return.

PTSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Day cards We donated over 600 thank you cards for United Military care to share with local veterans! Thank you Ms. Fish, ELA teachers and students for the amazing display of kindness!

Simpson Families in Need Thank you for the amazing response! We raised over \$1000 to support some of our own Simpson families this holiday season. Each family will receive a Walmart gift card to help with their holiday needs.

Motivation Mondays: PTSA Health and Wellness chair Shonda creates affirmative messages to support our students and families' wellbeing. Visit www.simpsonptsa.org/health_wellness for more information. See the attachment for this week's message.

Staff Giving Tree donations through December 11th - Please help PTSA fill our Teacher and Staff Giving Tree with \$10 gift cards to show our appreciation. The donation link will close at midnight on December 11 to allow time to purchase cards but we can accept gift cards through December 12. [Click to donate](#)

Save The Date for these fun community/family events **STEAMapalooza - January 26th** and **International Night - March 29th**. More details to be shared in the coming months.

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Simpson Silent Auction for STEAMAPALOOZA January 26th, 2023

We are actively seeking donations and would appreciate your help! Unused gift cards, sporting event tickets, time at vacation homes, experiences, products, etc. **This is a great opportunity to advertise your businesses.** All donations are tax deductible. Proceeds from the event will benefit the many important programs and services provided for our students, teachers, and families by the Simpson Middle School PTSA. Please email silentauction@simpsonptsa.org If you can help or have any questions.

See the attached flyer for details.

Connect with Simpson PTSA to stay informed about activities, initiatives, spirit nights, volunteer opportunities, etc.

-> **Follow** us on [Facebook](#)

-> Sign up for **Remind text messages** (Text your child's grade code to 81010 Grade Codes:

6th Grade - @29eagle, 7th Grade - @28eagle, 8th Grade - @27eagle

-> Visit the **PTSA website** www.simpsonptsa.org

-> Receive the **monthly PTSA newsletter**

-> **Email** president@simpsonptsa.org

Ask Dr. Mitchell!

askdrmitchell@simpsonptsa.org

PTSA has partnered with Simpson to provide another avenue for you to ask questions and find answers for questions that may come up throughout the year. Through our newsletters and websites, we will post questions and the answers so that everyone may benefit.

Question of the Week: What is CCRPI and how does it matter to our community?

CCRPI, The College and Career Ready Performance Index, is a metric used to measure how well Georgia schools and districts perform each year. Typically, each school receives a summative rating score ranging from 0 to 100 based on performance in five component areas: Content Mastery, Progress, Closing Gaps, Readiness, and Graduation Rate (high schools only). Due to pandemic-related limitations on data, schools and districts only received scores based on Content Mastery and Readiness for the 2021-2022 school year; overall scores were not calculated. Scores for Simpson Middle School in those two categories are as follows: Content Mastery: 93 and Readiness: 88.9. Student performance on the End of Grade Assessments last spring were the primary indicator for scores in these categories.

This is just a very brief overview of the CCRPI; analysis of all the data available would take quite a bit of time to unpack. However, it is good for families to understand how their schools are performing and what plans are in place for continued improvement. Our School Strategic Plan is directly aligned with our plans to use baseline data to establish academic improvement targets that will reflect progress in student literacy and content mastery.

We look forward to discussing the data available in the CCRPI and ways stakeholders can support our growth at a future Principal Coffee & Chat. In the meantime, please look over the document linked below or feel free to ask any questions that come to mind at askdrmitchell@simpsonptsa.org.

[A Family's Guide to Georgia's College and Career Ready Performance Index](#)

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